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Ukraine Established State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service

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Report Highlights:

Ukraine merged authorities of the former State Veterinary Service and State Phytosanitary Service. The merger took place as part of a broader Presidential Administrative Reform. The new Agency is named the Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine and it was officially established on May 17th 2011.

General Information:

President of Ukraine Decree number 464/2011 adopted on April 13, 2011 was published in the official newspaper "Government Courier" on May 17, 2011. Publication of the Decree concluded legislative procedures that established a new agency, The State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine.

According to the Decree, the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine is a part of the central executive power branch. Its activity is directed and coordinated by the Cabinet of Ministers through the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine. The Service ensures implementation of state policies in areas of veterinary medicine, food safety, plant protection quarantine and plant varieties registration and protection. It also has authority over animal breeding practices. The Presidential Decree defined goals, authority and structure which the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine will use for carrying out its procedures.

This is significant because the new Service has substantially increased its authority which previously resided in the State Veterinary Service of Ukraine, State Plant Protection and Quarantine Service and State Commission for Plant Variety Registration. The new entity also absorbed some power from the Livestock Breeding Department of the Ministry of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine (related to animal breeding practices).

Former Head of State Veterinary Service Dr. Ivan Bisiyuk became the head of the new service.